



WHEREAS, Nevada Project Heartbeat was founded through a partnership of the University of Nevada School of Medicine, the State of Nevada Emergency Medical Services Office, the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority, Humboldt General Hospital, and Cardiac Science Corporation to promote the availability and use of automated external defibrillators in all areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, Nevada Project Heartbeat assists communities across Nevada in establishing local public access defibrillation programs; and

WHEREAS, Nevada Project Heartbeat aims to increase the average citizen's awareness of sudden cardiac arrest and the benefits of early defibrillation to victims of sudden cardiac arrest; and

WHEREAS, automated external defibrillators, when used within minutes of sudden cardiac arrest, significantly increase the survival rate of victims; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services in rural and frontier Nevada may not be able to respond quickly enough to provide defibrillation in the first minutes following an incident; and

WHEREAS, public access defibrillation programs benefit all members of a community by empowering people to help people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM GIBBONS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA do hereby proclaim April 20, 2007 as

NEVADA PROJECT HEARTBEAT DAY

